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IDAHO AND WASHINGTON HOG INVENTORY UP 12 PERCENT

Idaho and Washington combined hog inventory on December 1, 2012 was 65,000 head, up 12 percent from the previous December 1 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Idaho and Washington hog inventory was combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Breeding hog inventory for Idaho and Washington combined, at 12,000 head, is up 1,000 head from last year. Market hogs increased 6,000 head to 53,000 head for Idaho and Washington combined. An estimated 19,900 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.84 pigs. The total pig crop of 176,000 head was up 16 percent from the previous year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.15 for the September-November period, compared to 10.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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